

Workgroup members,

I have attached a typical intake for a family called into DHS with concerns about meth use when the children are over the age of 6. This case is assigned to a CPS worker as a Family Assessment, but the proposed legislation would assign this as a Child Abuse Assessment as was done until 1/1/2014 and allow a more complete assessment of the children's health and safety.

Also attached is a rejected intake, which was not even assessed for a CINA petition even though the mother has a recent history of drug (marijuana use during the pregnancy with the child, and meth use prior to the pregnancy). DHS will not even look into these reported concerns, but the proposed legislation could possibly require a Child Abuse Assessment be conducted based upon the allegations of recent drug use by the mother and no known treatment to address her addiction.

I thought these documents could be useful discussion tools at our meeting on September 22nd.

Representative Dave Dawson